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| Applicants : Douglas A. Larson and Jeffrey J. Cronin | Attorney Docket No.: 501296.01 (30266/US) |
| Serial No. : 10/773,583 | Group Art Unit : 2186 |
| Filed : February 5, 2004 | Examiner : Not Yet Assigned |
| Title : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DATA BYPASS FOR A BI-DIRECTIONAL DATA BUS IN A HUB-BASED MEMORY SUB-SYSTEM | |

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Applicants also wish to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 10/822,275, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the

subject matter of this application, was filed on April 8, 2004. This related application, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of this related application as filed is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Applicants also wish to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 10/848,606, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on May 17, 2004. This related application, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of this related application as filed is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Applicants also wish to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 10/861,163, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on June 4, 2004. This related application, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of this related application as filed is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Applicants also wish to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 10/812,950, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on March 29, 2004. This related application, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of this related application as filed is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Applicants also wish to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 10/773,520, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on February 5, 2004. This related application, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of this related application as filed is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Applicants also wish to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 10/769,079, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on January 30, 2004. This related application, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of this related application as filed is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Applicants also wish to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 10/797,727, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on March 8, 2004. This related application, as well

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Applicants also wish to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 10/809,839, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on March 24, 2004. This related application, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of this related application as filed is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Applicants also wish to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 10/819,366, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on April 5, 2004. This related application, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of this related application as filed is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

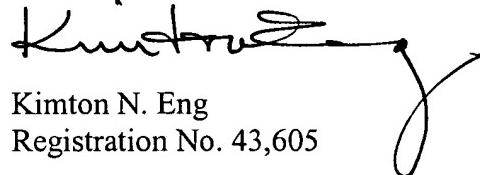
Applicants also wish to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 10/810,229, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on March 25, 2004. This related application, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of this related application as filed is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

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Please acknowledge receipt of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and kindly make the cited references of record in the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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| AP | "Free On-Line Dictionary of Computing" entry 'Flash Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory, online May 17, 2004 [http://foldoc.doc.ic.ac.uk/foldoc/foldoc.cgi?flash+memory] |
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